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Citizens struggling to get essential work done — voter IDs, property registrations, birth/death certificates and so on — as civic officials away on election duty

HEAVYDUTY

Citizens told to visit cyber centres or download app

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The ongoing election duty for the state assembly elections scheduled in May 2023 is causing inconvenience to the public in Bengaluru. As a result, many officials at the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike are not available at their respective offices.

The situation has left Bengaluru residents struggling to get their essential work done, including getting their voter identity cards, property registrations, birth or death certificates and so forth.

Bangalore Mirror did a test drive to assess the problems faced by residents due to officials being assigned election duty and how day-to-day work has been affected.

Kusuma S, a homemaker, was seen carrying her child to the BBMP office in Bagalagunte to get her voter identity card. However, she found the office shut; the officials were away for poll duty. She was advised to visit a cyber centre or download an app for registration. As she wasn't mobile phone savvy, she needed personal help.

Soorappa B, a senior citizen,

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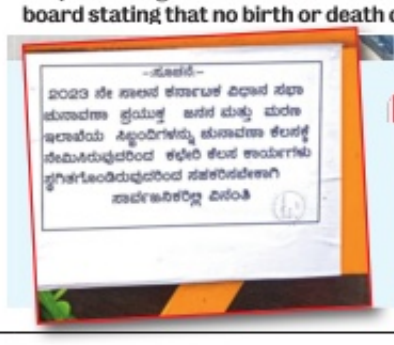
People waiting in front of BBMP office wondering when the shutters will be opened; (Inset) A notice board stating that no birth or death certificates will be issued for now



> **Staff on poll duties given vehicles so that they could attend poll duties as well as address public grievances**
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> — Tushar Giri Nath, chief commissioner, BBMP

Victims of 2022 floods await relief in 2023

'Lackadaisical approach of the civic body has made a mockery of the concept of climate justice'

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The 163 families of slum dwellers that incurred heavy losses and sustained considerable weather damage during the September 2022 floods will now have to wait until May 10 this year before their applications for monetary relief are processed further.

According to representatives of Slum Mahila Sanghatane, a not-for-profit organisation that has been helping the slum residents in filing applications for compensations, officials from the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) have asked the aggrieved to come back only after the assembly elections are over.

"While we have been running from pillar to post to ensure that the slum dwellers receive the monetary help they are entitled to, the battle keeps getting longer. We have now been asked to approach the revenue department only after May 10 as all the officials are busy with election duty," said a representative of Slum Mahila Sanghatane.

Those waiting for relief are from various slums of the city. While 141 families are from KR Market area, 22 families are from JJR Nagar. Houses of these slum dwellers were flooded with sewage

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Covid: Let's get all the ducks in a row

City hospitals prepare to implement strict measures after surge in covid-19 cases, re-educate staff around various topics related to disease

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Experts say that vaccination is to inhibit respiratory failure

"The number of patients with covid has increased. The severity is not high. Most of the cases are being treated in the outpatient department
–Dr Sandeep HS, a pulmonologist

The total number of active covid cases in the city has now breached the 1,000 mark with 71 new cases registered on Sunday. While only 67 patients are currently hospitalised, health experts say the number of covid patients in hospitals has surged. However, only a few have a high severity of symptoms.

"The number of patients with covid has increased. The severity is not high. Most of the cases are being treated in the outpatient department (OPD). Few patients who are dehydrated and are having higher severity are being admitted to designated covid wards. Vaccination is not easily available at present," said Dr Sandeep HS, pulmonologist at BGS Gleneagles Global Hospital.

With an uptick in the number of cases, measures such as masking, social distancing, use of sanitizers and swab testing are being implemented strictly across the city hospitals.

"Apart from basic precautionary measures such as masking, use of sanitizers, etc, we are also re-educating staff and health care providers around various topics like symptoms and signs in patients with covid, early stabilisation of patients, preventing the need for intubation, and ventilator management," said Dr Rajendra Kumar KP, Aster RV Hospital.

While the number of active cases is rising, there are fewer takers of precautionary doses. According to the health department of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), not all government hospitals have the vaccine stocked.

"There are hardly any takers. We have exhausted all the stocks and are procuring the vaccine from big government hospitals as and when there is a demand. Anyways the majority of the population has received both doses," said Dr Trilok Chandra, special commissioner (health), BBMP.

Health experts opine that given the low severity of the infection, a booster dose might not be necessary.

"We are observing only a handful of patients going into respiratory failure. The purpose of vaccination is to inhibit respiratory failure and not to prevent you from getting infected. Thus, there is no need to panic if the booster dose is not available. We are safe with the first two doses," said a healthcare expert from a city-based private hospital.

So far, nearly 15 lakh individuals in the city have taken the booster dose since it was launched in April 2022.

Covid mock drill begins in Karnataka

A covid-19 mock drill began at government and private covid health facilities in Karnataka on Monday and will continue on Tuesday. The exercise aims to ensure the preparedness of health facilities to handle any eventualities of an increase in covid-19 cases.

The State Surveillance Unit conducted a preparatory meeting on April 6 for all District Surveillance Units to provide a briefing on data collection as per the guidelines given by the Government of India.

"During the exercise, the focus is on ensuring the operational readiness of health facilities to manage covid-19 cases based on several parameters. These parameters include the availability of healthcare infrastructure, beds such as isolation beds, O2 beds, ICU beds, and beds with ventilators, and human resources such as allopathic and AYUSH doctors, paramedics, and others," said an official.

Data collected from the health facilities will be entered into an Excel sheet provided by the Government of India and then entered into the covid-19 India portal by the District Surveillance Units, they added.

'Mockery of climate justice'

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overflowing from the stormwater drains during the September 2022 floods. In the process, the communities sustained damages such as loss of documents, food provisions, clothing, blankets, carpets; children lost their text books and school bags.

While some of the families are trying to return to normalcy, many are still struggling to get back on their feet.

Munnuswamy, a resident of the Bakshi Garden slum area has been desperately waiting for the compensation he is entitled to. The only earning member of the family, Munnuswamy, was diagnosed with tuberculosis after the flood in September. The daily wage labourer told BM that his family is finding it difficult to make ends meet now.

"We are a family of five; we live in a small shed, which sustained severe damage during the floods. With my ongoing treatment, we are not left with any money to repair our house. I am worried if the shack is not repaired before the upcoming monsoon, we will be homeless," said the 45-year-old.

According to activists, it is saddening to see the residents still waiting for relief even after seven months. Delaying the help citing an election is akin to cruelty

Organisations working towards the upliftment of slum dwellers criticised the civic body for undue delay in the release of compensation. They said the government has a responsibility towards the economically weaker sections, especially in coping with the immediate fallout of the climate crisis.

They are of the view that the lackadaisical approach of the civic body has made a mockery of the concept of climate justice.

"Climate justice is all about local governments standing in solidarity with the communities who have sustained damage and responding to the situation with immediate relief and rehabilitation. It is saddening to see the residents still waiting for relief even after seven months. Delaying the help citing an election is akin to cruelty towards the most vulnerable sections of society. Bureaucracy needs to be more sensitive towards the losses faced by these communities and should respond within a few days of any crisis instead of months," said Raghavendra B Pachhapur of ActionAid Association, which works with slum dwellers in the city.

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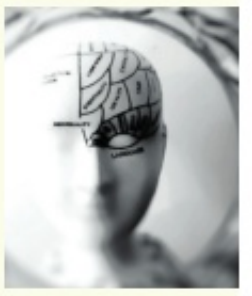
01 Memory show



Here's an opportunity to learn from the International Master of Memory, Omkar Kibe this month. Omkar will be performing a few memory stunts at his 'Super Memory Show', which is open for all ages. Also learn some simple yet powerful memory techniques that you can apply in your day-to-day lives.

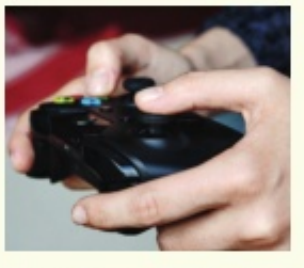
Where: Bangalore Creative Circus, 12/2, Yeshwanthpur Industrial Suburb
When: Sunday, April 16; 11 am to 12:30 pm

02 Explore theatre

Tahatto's 1-weekend theatre workshop for beginners is back with its 8th edition. Act One has proved to be a spark for the participants for exploring beyond theatre. This workshop will let you get first-hand experience of theatre and involve in the process of understanding one's body, discovering confidence, and more.

Where: Atta Galatta, 178, 5th Main, 9th Cross, 1st Stage Indiranagar
When: April 15 and 16; 10:30 am–6 pm on Saturday, 11 am–6 pm on Sunday

03 All about Japan



Japan Habba is set as an offline event. This year's get the chance to learn about traditional Japanese culture and language, get involved in some of the fun activities, and interact with video game enthusiasts.

Where: National Science Seminar Complex
When: Sunday, May 14; 9:30 am

Wither park? Just unclean and neglected (lung) space

No new saplings planted in Pipe Line Park 1 for 6 months, vegetable leftovers heaps up in a corner

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Hundreds of residents of Mallasandra, Prashanth Nagar, Bhuvaneswari Nagar, Pipeline and surrounding areas visit Pipe Line Park 1 for a walk in the mornings and evenings. The park reeks of neglect -- unclean and with no new life -- it leaves the visitors feeling disheartened.

According to residents of the area, no new sapling has been planted at the park in six months. Kiran Kumar, a visitor, said the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) doesn't adhere to any of the maintenance practices required to keep the park in full bloom. "Cleanliness is a big problem, and in addition, the park boundary is encroached upon by the vegetable vendors, and they often leave the leftover vegetables alongside the park. This has become a breeding ground for rats and other pests in the evenings," said Kumar.

Nagamani BN of Yashashwini Mahila Souharda Credit Cooperative Ltd that is right opposite the park says it is not cleaned on a daily basis. "The officials are trying to tell us that they are maintaining the park properly. We approached the former corporator to allow us to maintain the park. We submitted a detailed report but the BBMP officials wanted us to pay a bribe. We cancelled our plan because we could not afford to pay the bribe apart from bearing the maintenance cost," said Nagamani.

Meanwhile, Daniel Raj of Sri Mata Nursery that is assigned to maintain the park insisted that it is being cleaned daily. "There is a shortage of water since the water source is a borewell that has to cater to the needs of residents as well as the park," said Daniel Raj. He said that he asked the workers not to remove dry waste (including flowers and leaves) from the park as per the directive of the Horticulture Department Superintendent. "But still there are some who continue to complain against me," he said.

Dry waste lies accumulated at Pipe Line Park 1, as there are instructions not to carry it away

> **Vegetable vendors often leave the leftover vegetables alongside the park. This has become a breeding ground for rats**
> –Kiran Kumar, park visitor

When contacted, the BBMP Horticulture Department Superintendent (Dasarahalli Zone) said the contractor has to clear garbage and keep the park clean. "I have asked the contractor not to remove dry leaves and flowers during summer. The purpose is to prevent moisture loss," said the Superintendent.

Laithamba BV, Core Working Group Member of BNP, said that Rs 15 crore has been earmarked in the BBMP Budget for the development of 15 new parks and Rs 80 crore for the maintenance of existing parks. "But honest tax-paying citizens don't get to see proper utilisation of this huge amount of money spent on public works. The parks in most areas of the city are in a pathetic state and are not pleasant to walk in," said Lalithamba.

Tejaswini R, a resident of the area, said this is a special park deep rooted in history. "Earlier, there was no park here, but only a pipeline laid from Hesaraghatta reservoir to Malleswaram to supply drinking water to Bengaluru. For ages, this pipeline road was in dire straits. Later, it was converted into a park. But, today, even the park is in a sad state and people are finding it difficult to walk."

Jyoti R, another resident, said this was a classic case of neglect. "You can find a lot of plastic waste here and at times you wonder whether this is a garbage dump or a park."

As Dasarahalli residents do not have many parks when compared to other areas, this park is a precious lung space for them. Harish R, a resident, said, "It is sad that people have to cover their noses while walking in this park."

Shiva Kumar, a businessman, urged the BBMP to take action. "The BBMP must deploy guards and monitor the entry and exit. The cleaning of the park should be done every day."

(With inputs from Iffath Fathima)

Grand plans: Once, there was a landfill

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After the completion of the biomining of Mandur landfill, plans are on to build a sports/cultural centre on the ground. As per estimates, nearly 30% of biomining is over and it is expected to be over within 3-4 months.

The Mahadevapura MLA's office has announced the plans of developing a sports/cultural centre on top of the landfill site. Mandur that used to receive hill mounds of waste from the city is being biomined at Rs 219 crore.

The Bangalore Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML) had finalised the tender for biomining in September 2022. The mixed waste will be segregated and biodegradable waste will be composted and Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF) will be sent to the waste-to-energy plant in Bidadi.

Once the biomining is completed and garbage is removed, the space will be utilised to build the sports/cultural centre.

General Secretary of Mahadevapura Task Force-Mobility, Clement Jayakumar told BM, "There are plans to develop a sports and cultural centre in that area. Being a huge land parcel, there are also plans to develop an educational institution. Biomining of the waste is in progress and approximately 30 per cent of the waste has been cleared. We hope to complete the biomining work within 3-4 months and then the construction work will be taken up."

However, these are just plans as so far, no funds have been allocated for the development of the centre.

However solid waste management experts noted that measures must be undertaken before taking up construction in the area. "Before taking up work, one must check that soil compaction below the intended area is adequate in case water is going to be taken from a groundwater source. As leachate has been flowing, groundwater contamination must be very high. It should also be ensured that biomining from the area does not shift the burden to another location and leads to contamination of new land. The buildings being constructed should be open for public use and not turn into paid facilities," said SWM expert Ram Prasad.

> **It should be ensured that biomining from the area does not shift the burden to another location and cause contamination there**
> –Ram Prasad, expert

IN BRIEF

Big catch: Drugs seized

In one of the biggest drug seizure operations in the last five years in the city, the police seized drugs worth Rs 8.52 crore, said P Krishnakant, Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Bengaluru South. The police also arrested five kingpins, named Lawrence Ezenwoke alias Peter, Chuckwunezim Thankgod Onyekachi alias Bright, Halsey, Frank alias Sunday and Emmanuel Nazi.

According to the police, all the accused are Nigerian nationals and the visas of two accused had also expired. "When we arrest any peddler, we check their call history and chats and we know who all are buying drugs from them. From the past year, we have noticed that huge quantities of drugs are being seized near educational institutes," DCP P Krishnakant told BM.

The arrests were made in VV Puram and Jayanagar police stations. Peter, 36, and Bright, 35, were arrested by VV Puram police on April 9 in a park in front of the National College Metro Station. According to the police, they seized drugs worth Rs 7,32,24,000. On March 18, March 27, and April 9, the Jayanagar police caught Hasley, 29, Nazi, 35, and Sunday, 35, for drug peddling. **BMB**

Bar fight turns fatal

A rowdy sheeter was killed in a bar after being hit on his head with a beer bottle.

On April 9, a fight broke between two goons, Manja alias Polar and Shivraj. After drinking a lot of alcohol, Manja is said to have hit Shivraj on the head with a beer bottle and escaped. Later, Shivraj died on the way to the hospital and a case has been registered in the Subramanyapura police station. **BMB**

Kodigehalli: A landing site for a refuse dump

Residents raise concerns about garbage being dumped on both sides of main road; no action has been taken despite raising complaints

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Heaps of garbage on Kodigehalli Main Road have become an eyesore and health hazard for motorists and residents. The residents complain that neither Kodigehalli panchayat nor Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) authorities have taken measures to clear garbage dumped on both sides of the road.

"This road has become a destination for irresponsible people to dump all types of waste. This area falls between Kodigehalli panchayat and the BBMP jurisdiction. The authorities are not taking measures to prevent dumping of garbage on this road," said HK Gowdaiah, a resident of the area.

Kodigehalli panchayat workers set garbage afire instead of transporting it to the designated place – either a landfill or a waste to energy unit. Residents want the authorities concerned to take necessary action to mitigate this problem, he added.

Furthermore, many residents demanded the authorities to prevent dumping of waste.

"Garbage on this road has become a nuisance for us. We have been complaining to the BBMP authorities and Kodigehalli panchayat officials about this menace but nothing has been done till date. Some people are seen dumping waste on this road during the night," said Narasimha Murthy N, another resident.

Reportedly, the burning of garbage has become a health hazard. "It is quite shocking to see workers burning garbage. It will be a great relief for the residents if the authorities take measures to ensure no dumping of garbage on this road," he explained.

One of the blackspots on Kodigehalli Main Road

> **"Garbage on this road has become a nuisance for us. We have been complaining to the BBMP authorities and Kodigehalli panchayat officials about this menace** -Narasimha Murthy N

Meanwhile, NS Ramakanth, an environmentalist, suggested daily collection of garbage from door-to-door to get rid of this garbage menace.

"Kodigehalli panchayat officials have to take punitive measures to prevent dumping of waste on the road," he said.

When contacted, Kodigehalli panchayat Development Officer Bhagirathi said that efforts are being made to clear accumulated garbage on Kodigehalli Main Road and claimed to have engaged an earth moving machine to clear garbage on the main road.

"I have directed workers to clear garbage on a daily basis. They have been following my advice but people continue dumping garbage at night. The more we try to keep this road clean the more dumping of waste is happening," she told Bangalore Mirror.

"I have been trying to keep the road free from garbage. I will make all efforts to keep the road neat and clean. I want public cooperation and support to keep this road a litter-free road," she added.

Bangalore Mirror reported – Just lake that – on March 7 narrating how Kannalli Lake in south Bengaluru risks joining the list of 'dry' or 'dead' water bodies if authorities continue to dilly dally on conservation.

'Our trees deserve good grates'

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A simple solution to protect trees and pedestrians on city sidewalks has been proposed by the Heritage Beku, by the use of tree grates at the base of trees to guard the soil and roots that can be found to be an effective and cost-efficient alternative to the brick enclosures that often block pedestrian walkways.

Members of Heritage Beku pointed out the need of having tree grates and started an online petition on the same. According to them, in many Indian states, such as Gujarat and Tamil Nadu, planners had recognised the importance of protecting trees and pedestrians by integrating tree grates into street and city design. By allowing sunlight, water, and air to pass through, tree grates ensure that trees have plenty of access to nutrients and remain safe from litter build-up and weed growth.

Furthermore, by allowing for tree growth and creating safe enclosures for growing trees, the use of tree grates creates an aesthetic and integrated feel that blends into the urban background.

Tree grates can be an effective alternative to the brick enclosures that block walkways

For instance the trees near Raj Bhavan, Mekhri Circle, Benson Town, Sarjapur, areas around Jayanagar have been guarded by using bricks around the trees.

Priya Chetty Rajagopal who started the petition from Heritage Beku stated, "The use of tree grates is not only cost-effective but also covers an important aspect of walkability by integrating disability standards. Furthermore, tree grates can be made in cast aluminum, cast iron, or even concrete, and can be precast with the design of the city emblem or symbol, thereby creating greater ownership and deepening cultural roots."

She explained that it also aligns with the greening exercise integral to the Smart Cities campaign, as stated in a recent report in conjunction with the World Economic Forum. The report identifies tree planting, mapping, and green buffer zones alongside carriageways as integral components of road architecture for improving walkability on footpaths and promoting sustainable mobility.

Priya also wrote down a letter to the BBMP pointing out the same issues. The petition added that in addition to the benefits to trees and pedestrians, a World Health Organisation (WHO) report suggests that aesthetically pleasing landscaping is linked to less violence, graffiti, vandalism, and litter in the area.

"This is a simple way through which trees can be preserved. It can help the safe walkability of pedestrians and can also help in the protection and nurturing of trees," she further added.

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Complete the task

Koramangala

The Smart City pavement works commenced in Koramangala but were never completed, similar to the infamous Ejipura flyover. It is essential to complete the project as soon as possible to avoid inconvenience to residents.

Stay away

Ramamurthy Nagar

Sticking advertisements on private house walls without consent is unacceptable. This issue has been reported in Ramamurthy Nagar, and action must be taken to prevent further unauthorised advertising.

Attention please!

Chamarajpet

The area next to Chamarajpet Kudre Park Circle is causing health issues for the elderly and children. The BBMP has been informed of the problem, but no action has been taken. Urgent measures need to be taken to address this issue.

Road tripping

As BBMP says there have been no pothole deaths in city since 2022, citizens want to be assured of good-quality, well-maintained roads

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While citizens complain of crumbling roads, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike seems to be resting on its laurels as no deaths have been reported of late due to potholes. Bangalore Mirror contacted BBMP's Chief Engineer BS Prahalad, to collect data on pothole deaths in the city, and was informed that as of April 10, 2023, there have been no pothole deaths since 2022.

"There can be several reasons for fatal accidents on the road including rash driving or driving under the influence. We don't know if a pothole is ever solely responsible for any death. This information can only be provided when police submits a report and states that the death was solely caused due to pothole. There is no report from police that states that pothole is the reason for death," said Prahalad.

However, residents and experts say the zero-death data is not the end of the matter.

Vivek, a resident of the city, says, "Are the BBMP officials waiting for another accident to occur 'solely' because of a particular pothole? That can never happen as no road user goes looking for a pothole to fall into. Filling up of potholes and regular maintenance of roads are preventive measures. Arguing that potholes are not the sole reason for accidents is not going to help."

He also emphasised that ensuring the standards of material and quality of work while laying new roads is the first step. "Accidents or no accidents, there must be a regular maintenance routine and engineers should stick to it," he said.

Vijayan Menon, petitioner in a pothole petition in the Karnataka High Court, said that it is an irresponsible statement by BBMP to say that no death has occurred due to potholes.

"Just because they say that there is no record doesn't mean that no death has occurred due to potholes. Every other day, we come across reports stating that someone died or was injured because of falling into a pothole. My concern is that every commuter puts their life at risk while travelling on Bengaluru's roads -- people fall off their vehicles, break their legs or are seriously injured due to the terrible condition of road infrastructure."

> **"Are the BBMP officials waiting for an accident to occur 'solely' because of a particular pothole?**

Ashwin Mahesh, transport expert, says that there is discrepancy in data collected by BBMP.

"I don't think they are collecting the data in a systematic way. Also, their whole programme related to pothole management is terrible. BBMP is not being responsible towards the people in the city, they still have hundreds of potholes to fill but nothing much happens," he said.

According to data by the ministry of road transport and highways, 269 pothole deaths have been recorded in Karnataka between 2014 and 2021. As per the latest data, the state recorded 16 pothole deaths in 2021.

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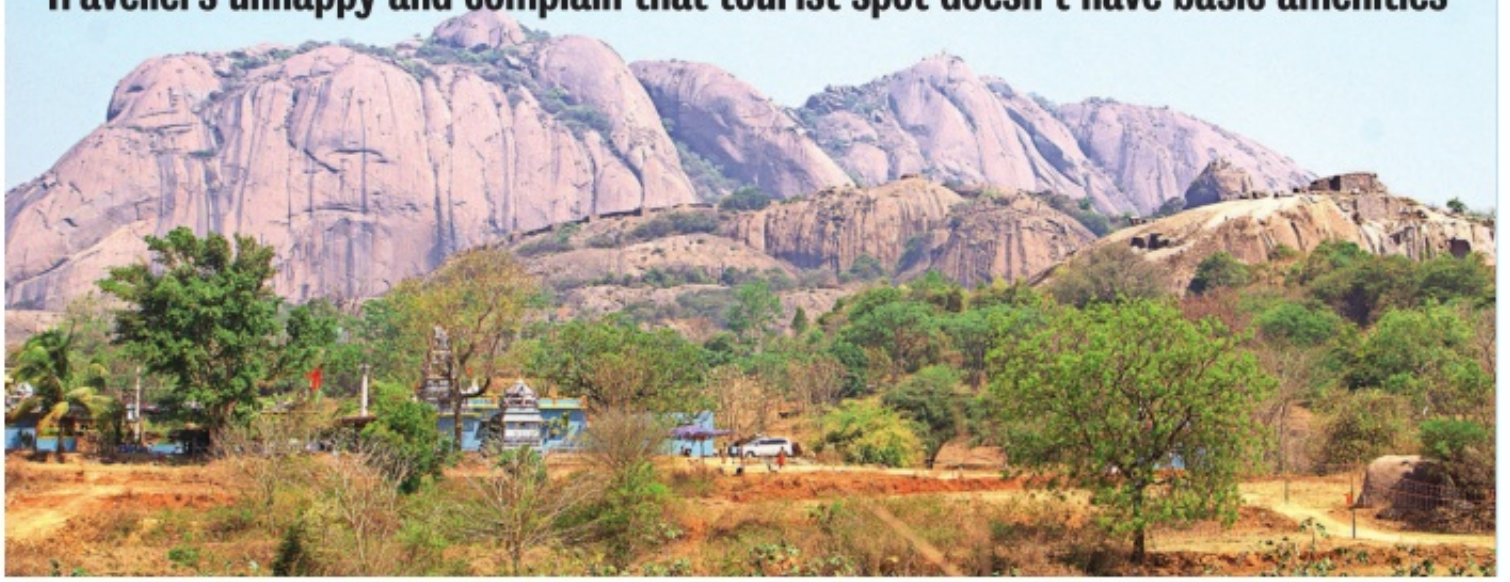
No free treks: Pay for trip to Savanadurga

Travellers unhappy and complain that tourist spot doesn't have basic amenities



Officials say it is due to the many risks involved that they are charging Rs 303 per person for a trek to Savanadurga Hill near Magadi

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Savanadurga, located near Magadi, has recently been made a paid trek, causing a furore among the trekking community. The Karnataka Ecotourism Board has made this decision to regulate the trekking activities and ensure the safety of the trekkers.

However, some regular trekkers like Raghu Nanda are of the opinion that the price of Rs 303 per person is too steep and basic amenities such as drinking water and toilets should be provided at the trekking points.

The Karnataka Ecotourism Board has converted several other trek points into paid ones, including Makalidurga, Kaiwara Betta, Skandagiri, Antaragange, Bidarakatte, Ramadevarabetta, Chinaga betta, Siddara Betta, and Devarayanadurga.

"While the move to make the treks paid might help regulate the activities and ensure safety, it is also essential to provide necessary facilities to the trekkers. The authorities must ensure that the trekkers are adequately guided and provided with basic facilities such as drinking water and toilets, especially at the vantage points," said Raghu Nanda.

However, an official explained the crux of the matter. "Savandurga, a challenging monolith, was cordoned off by forest department officials. The ban included both day and night treks, and barricades have been put up with guards posted to prevent people from sneaking into the hills. The ban followed an incident where 13 youngsters from the city were trapped on the monolith and needed to be rescued by forest department personnel. This, combined with other incidents, including the death of a techie in 2014, has led officials to take action. Till now, most people head to the hills without any intimation, which made it difficult for officials to respond when incidents occur. With the added danger of wild animals in the area, trekking on this stretch can be more risky."

History of hill

Savanadurga has a deep rooted history. According to Karnataka gazetteer, "Savanadurga is formed by union of two high peaks (4,024 feet mean sea level) which is locally known as Karigudda and Biligudda. The earliest reference to the place was found in a record dated 1340 AD by Hoysala Ballala III from Madabalu, which calls the place as Savandi. The name Samantadurga is attributed to Samantaraya who was said to be the governor at Magadi. The place was the secondary capital of Magadi rulers, the Kempegowda who had made Magadi their headquarters after 1638 and held it till 1728, when Mysore vanquished them. Later in 1792, Lord Cornwallis captured Savanadurga from Tipu Sultan with help of Nizam's forces. Col Wilks says that the hill was full of bamboo and other trees which constituted a not so easily surmountable barricade for the troops attacking it. He calls it Savinadurga or the fort of death. There are no steps to reach the hilltop."

Grim past

Unfortunately, there have been several mishaps on Savanadurga over the years. In 2016, 11 trekkers were stuck on the monolith and had to be rescued by forest department officials. In 2015, five minors were stuck on the monolith for over 16 hours without food or water. In 2014, a techie fell to his death while trekking with friends, and in 2012, a youth fell to his death while trying to peep from the edge of a rock.

Lynching: 5 vigilantes in police custody

A court in Kanakapura on Monday sent five cow vigilantes to police custody for seven days in connection with a case in which a Muslim man was allegedly beaten to death for transporting cows and buffaloes illegally.

The judge Appanna Savadi pronounced the order after the accused were produced before him.

Karnataka Police had arrested the cow vigilantes and Hindu activists including main accused Puneeth Kerehalli, who ran Raastra Rakshana Pade, from Rajasthan on April 5 - five days after the body of the victim was found on April 1.

Accused in case of lynching of cattle trader, who were nabbed in Rajasthan, produced in court, sent to 7-day custody

The group headed by accused Puneeth Kerehalli had waylaid a canter transporting cows and buffaloes in the limits of Sathanur police station in Ramnagar district on March 31. They had claimed that the cows and buffaloes were transported illegally.

On April 1, 35-year-old Idris Pasha, a resident of Guttalu near Sathanur, who was in the canter was found dead at the spot. The family of Idris Pasha alleged that he was beaten to death by Puneeth Kerehalli and others.

The family had lodged a complaint in this regard under IPC Sections 341 (wrongful restraint), 504 (intentional insult, giving provocation), 506 (criminal intimidation), 324 (voluntarily causing hurt by dangerous weapons), 302 (murder), 34 (criminal act done by several persons in furtherance of common intention). –IANS

In the driver's seat, with a VVIP guest on board

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The 10-seater open-roof jeep that carried Narendra Modi on a one-hour-long trip inside the Bandipur Tiger Reserve on Sunday was driven by 29-year-old Madhusudan, who hails from Chamrajanagar.

The young driver with an experience of eight years says while he could ensure that PM spots wild animals such as monitor lizards, Indian gaurs, elephants, and deer on the trip, he will always regret he could not catch sight of a tiger on the trip.

"I could point out other wild animals during the hour-long trip and kept updating my seniors so they could ensure the PM gets to see them, but I could not spot a tiger. This will be a lifelong regret. While the PM's safari route was planned along the water bodies that the animals frequent, the big cats of Bandipur decided to remain elusive on Sunday. However, the idea was to show the PM the forest as it is," said Madhusudan.

A college dropout, Madhusudan says he had mixed feelings when he was told about the safari plan.

"I was excited when I was told that I will be driving the safari vehicle with Modi sir on board. While I was excited at this opportunity, it made me nervous as well. I had to speak with many higher officials from the department to calm down my nerves. They told me to go about this trip as any other trip I have taken over the last five years," recalled Madhusudan and says he developed an interest in observing animals in the wild, leading to him becoming a safari driver.

Madhusudan loves to observe animals in the wild

> **"I was excited when I was told that I will be driving the safari vehicle with Modi sir on board. While I was excited at the chance, it made me nervous as well** –Madhusudan, safari driver

Interacting with people from different parts of the country and even abroad is a bonus.

"In the beginning, I used to take forest officers around in their vehicles and that was when I got experience observing animals in the wild. Their behaviour in their natural habitat caught my fancy and I decided to take up safari as a profession. I also get to interact with people from varied cultures and traditions. While all safari goers fancy tiger sightings on their trip, it is never a sure thing, and a lot depends on luck. Sometimes you can see many animals including tigers within one hour and sometimes a whole day is not enough. I would have been very happy if Modi sir had sighted the tiger, but it did not happen," signed off Madhusudan.

HEALTH TIP: White fish makes a healthier, lower-fat alternative to red and processed meats

Kidney beans contain phosphorus, which keeps bones healthy, so important in osteoporosis and arthritis

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GO OFFLINE, STAY CREATIVE

Art expert suggests screen-free things to do in every room of the house

School holidays can feel like a marathon if all the kids want to do is watch TV, play Minecraft or repeatedly ask you for the iPad.

There are lots of things you can do inside the house that do not involve a screen. And will help ward off any whines along the lines of: "I'm booooooored".

Here are five creative ideas to try in every room of the house.

In the kitchen: make your own paint

Kids enjoy making potions in the garden by adding dirt and flowers and you can have similar fun in the kitchen making paint from ingredients in the cupboard.

Paint is made with pigment and a binder.

The first paint on cave walls was made with charcoal, ochre, minerals mixed with water, saliva, blood, animal fat and even wee. The history of paint is fascinating and kids are intrigued by the stories, like how a certain purple (tyrian) comes from the glands of sea snails and how a type of yellow was cruelly made from cow wee, after forcing them to eat mango leaves.

You can make your own paint with spices like turmeric, curry powder and cinnamon or hunt through the house for chalk and eye shadow for a variety of colours.

Grind the pigments up with a mortar and pestle (some will need this more than others but it's a fun part of the process).

Then in a glass or jar, mix your ground pigments with a bit of egg yolk, a teaspoon of vinegar and a small amount of water as a binder and you have made egg tempera – a type of paint the Egyptians discovered and some artists still use today.

Experiment with other spices, berries, grass or charcoal. If it's colourful, you can grind it and it's not too lumpy, give it a go. See how many colours you can make, then make a painting.

In the living room: create a box masterpiece

Kids who may not like to draw or paint often love construction. So, collect different types of boxes and see what your child can create.

Apart from the boxes, you will also need masking tape. Kids can tear it themselves, or use a dispenser. Staplers and hole punchers are good connectors too. Also give them some thick markers, fabric scraps and glue to add details to their creations.

One holiday, we lived around my daughter's construction zone as she worked with cardboard, other items from the recycling bin and things from around the house to make her own house.

In your child's bedroom: paint a mural

This won't be possible for everyone, but think about letting your child paint a mural in their bedroom. My mum let us create fantastic scenes in our bedrooms growing up.

Start by mapping out a basic design on paper. This slows the process down, allowing the child to think about what they would like on their walls. But be prepared for the plan to go out the window. Sometimes as artists we respond to the materials when we get them in our hands.

The trick to creating a successful mural with kids is selecting a good colour palette and you really can't go wrong.

Get some sample-sized pots of water-based interior paint and bristle brushes from the hardware shop. Then tape a drop sheet to the floor and cover anything else you don't want covered in paint and go for it!

If this is too freestyle for you, have a look at the wonderful "field of flowers" activity in Hervé Tullet's book, Art Workshops for Children.

This is a more structured approach to a collaborative painting and yields beautiful results (it starts with dots, then dots within dots and you end up with a field of flowers).

If this is not possible where you live, consider liquid chalk pens to create murals on the windows. This is so much fun and you can play with tracing things outside the window.

Pick an array of colours and overlap line drawings to build up patterns on the glass. This is so easy to clean too – just wipe it off with a wet cloth.

In the dining room: make a comic

The dining table is the perfect spot for projects and drawing. I find kids love creating comics. The book Making Comics by Lynda Barry has excellent exercises to get you started on comic strips, storyboards and zines.

Zines are mini DIY booklets. You can fill them with ideas using drawing, collage and words. Check out my how to make a zine video done for the National Museum of Australia's Ancient Greeks exhibition last year.

You could do something similar: take your young person to see an exhibition, collect some flyers or postcards, and then at home cut them up and stick them into a zine.

This can extend your child's museum experience, and provides a chance to discuss and make sense of what you saw together.

Children use drawing to make sense of the world around them. When my son was five, he made a comic about a gallery experience: how he didn't want to go, how he felt about some of the artworks, and how he was relieved to get out because he was scared by some of the work.

This gave me the opportunity to see how strongly he was affected by the exhibition and we were able to talk about those feelings.

In the bathroom: crack open the shaving cream

Shaving cream is a great medium with endless possibilities for sensory play, which helps brain development, motor skills and more.

You can make slime by adding a cup of glue to two cups of shaving cream and sprinkling a teaspoon of baking powder in the mix, plus two teaspoons of saline solution. Add food dye for a marble effect, make prints and paint with it onto a mirror or bathtub.

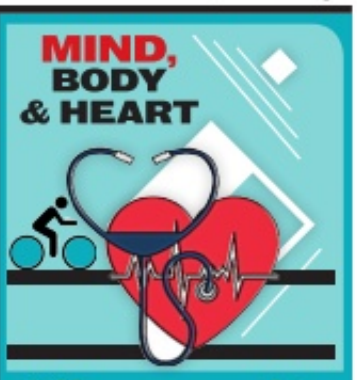
You can also use it to make sculptures. Start with a shampoo bottle as your armature (inner structure) and build your form around it. Take photos of the sculptures as a way of recording the ephemeral creations.

Try adding cornstarch to the shaving cream and play with the proportions until you have developed a malleable substance. The transformation of the substance is quite remarkable and kids love the tactile quality of this mixture.

In the end, kids have the best ideas, so just take some time to ask them what kinds of creative activities they might like to explore over the holidays and let them take the lead.

The important thing here is to let go, enjoy the process and play – worry about cleaning up later!

(By Naomi Zouwer, University of Canberra, The Conversation)



All you need to know about...

Bed sores

What are they?
Bedsores classically develop in skin that covers bony areas of the body, such as the heels, ankles, hips and tailbone, and often involve deeper tissue as the ulcer enlarges. They're the result of prolonged pressure on the skin which is why bedbound patients have to be turned over frequently.

What are the symptoms?
The skin appears whitish/grey, swollen and feels cool. Then the skin breaks down and an ulcer forms. It enlarges and may become infected and warm to the touch. For people who are bedbound, common sites are the back or sides of the head, the shoulder blades, the hips, lower back or tailbone, the heels, ankles and skin behind the knees. For those confined to a wheelchair, common sites are the tailbone or buttocks, shoulder blades and spine, backs of the arms and legs where they rest against the chair.

What are the causes?
Constant pressure on any part of your body lessens the blood flow to tissues, so the area becomes starved of oxygen and nutrients, and eventually dies and breaks down.
Friction damages the skin when it rubs against clothing or bedding, making it more vulnerable to bedsores, especially moist skin.
Shear occurs when two skin surfaces move in opposite directions. So if a patient slips down the bed, the skin over a bone might not slip and tears.

What are the treatments?
Regular turning of the patient so pressure on the affected skin is lessened, dressing wounds, preventing infection and maintaining good nutrition.
Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) will control pain and a healthy diet will promote wound healing. A large bedsore that fails to heal might require surgery.

—Dr Miriam Stoppard, Daily Mirror

Ticket rush builds up

POLL VAULT

Even as a marathon meet did not yield result for BJP, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has said that a list of candidates will be out any time now. With just a month left for elections to the 224-seat Karnataka Assembly, the ruling BJP is under pressure over the distribution of tickets to the aspirants. The list of candidates was expected to be released on Monday.

However, things are yet to be decided as a marathon meeting of central and state leaders was held in Delhi to finalise the first list of candidates. The polling in Karnataka is scheduled to be held on May 10. The results will be announced on May 13.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai stated that the tickets would be announced on Tuesday or Wednesday.

According to party insiders, the BJP high command is willing to give tickets to new faces in the seats where the sitting legislators have not performed well.

Meanwhile, the competition has become intense within the party to get a chance to contest, and the party is taking last-minute updates from sources regarding the winnability of the candidates.

The meeting in Delhi discussed the implications of fielding new faces, and sitting MLAs joining hands with opposition parties.

The party has also been taking time in fielding strong candidates from two constituencies.

MLCs Lakshman Savadi, Ayanur Manjunath and CP Yogeshwar are also demanding tickets and the issue has already become a controversial one, leading to infighting in their respective constituencies.

BJP leaders are finding it tough to finalise candidates for 30 to 40 seats.

According to sources, the Congress and the Janata Dal-Secular are also looking for an opportunity to hijack BJP leaders.

Railway Protection Special Force personnel taking out a route march from Halasuru Gate police station to Chickpet area, ahead of the Assembly elections, in Bengaluru, on Monday

All hands on deck

Senior BJP leaders including from Karnataka held a day-long deliberation on Monday to finalise candidates for the state assembly polls, incorporating in their discussions the suggestions made at the recent BJP Central Election Committee meeting.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah, party president J P Nadda, Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, his predecessor BS Yediyurappa and other leaders from the state attended these meetings.

Shah later left for Arunachal Pradesh while other leaders continued the deliberations.

Bommai had on Sunday said after the CEC meeting that Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave some directions. The CM told reporters on Monday that the party is working on various inputs. He, however, did not elaborate on the nature of directions or inputs.

Speaking to reporters after attending a meeting at Nadda's residence, Yediyurappa rejected the speculation that he was "unhappy" with the candidate-selection exercise and praised the party leadership. **PTI**

Well on course

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Monday said the first list of the BJP candidates for the May 10 Assembly elections will be released either on Tuesday or Wednesday.

He said there is no confusion regarding finalising the list. "Most probably the first list will be released tomorrow or the day after tomorrow".

There is a likelihood of releasing it this evening but since there are more discussions to happen, it could be released on Tuesday or Wednesday, Bommai told reporters in Delhi.

"For some candidates more ground reports have to be gathered, more information has to be collected and discussion on the new candidates has to take place," the Chief Minister said. **– Agencies**

PRE-POLL WRAP: WHAT KARNATAKA IS UP TO

Milk politics?

Commenting on the Nandini controversy, Karnataka chief minister accused Congress and JD(S) of doing 'politics' over it.

"Nandini is a very good brand of our State...Congress and JD(S) are doing politics at the time of elections," Bommai said in Delhi on Monday.

With elections around the corner, there has been mudslinging going on in Karnataka between BJP and its political rivals over Nadini, the brand owned by Karnataka Milk Federation, a federation of milk producers under the ownership Karnataka Ministry of Cooperation.

The controversy is over the alleged 'entry' of Amul, another milk cooperative based in BJP-ruled Gujarat. On Sunday when Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Karnataka, whipping up the controversy Karnataka opposition leader Siddaramaiah asked him a rhetorical question through Twitter: " Are you now trying to steal Nandini(KMF) from us?" **ANI**

AAP's 3rd list out

The AAP's Karnataka unit on Monday announced the third list of candidates for the May 10 Assembly polls.

This list contains 28 names and all the candidates are contesting the polls for the first time.

In a statement, the party claimed that not only has it announced the most number of candidates till date, but has offered the people an honest choice in 168 Assembly seats out of 224 constituencies.

AAP has the most number of farmers, youth, women and educated professionals amongst all parties, the statement said.

"The criteria used to decide the winnability of our candidates is their integrity and their intent to serve rather than their money or muscle power.

"People of Karnataka are fed up with the existing three traditional parties and wanted an alternative, this is what AAP is offering a real change.

"The average age of our candidates is 47 year. A total number of 16 farmers, 13 women, 18 advocates, 10 doctors, 10 engineers have been given tickets. Candidates with Doctorates are five and those with Masters degrees are 41, while graduates are 82.

"We will fight the upcoming elections on the virtues of our candidates and the work that our party has done in Delhi and is doing in Punjab. **IANS**

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Deve Gowda to hit campaign trail

JD(S) patriarch H D Deve Gowda on Monday asserted that there is no question of his party going near either the Congress or BJP, and announced that he will be touring various parts of the state for campaigning ahead of the Assembly polls in Karnataka.

The former Prime Minister said he will tour extensively in the party stronghold of Old Mysuru region and a couple of districts in northern parts of the state for campaigning.

"I will tour the state after April 10th, preferably all of the Old Mysuru region -- Mandya, Hassan, Kolar, Chikkamagaluru, Chikkaballapur, Ramanagara and Tumkur. I'm going to tour this region. This is our strong belt," Gowda said in a video statement released by his office.

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'Cong should set its house in order for role in opposition unity'

JD(S) patriarch and former PM Deve Gowda opined about his party's prospects

POLL VAULT

"I also want to go to Raichur and Vijayapura districts (north Karnataka), where I have done a lot of work to save farmers, who were suffering badly because of drought. By getting water from Krishna (river), amidst water sharing dispute with Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra, I had worked there," he said. **PTI**

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RCB rocks: Powerplay by Du Plessis, Kohli, Maxwell

It was raining sixes as trio take Bangalore team to imposing total of 212

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Captain Faf du Plessis, Virat Kohli and Glenn Maxwell struck blistering half-centuries to power Royal Challengers Bangalore to an imposing 212 for two against Lucknow Super Giants in an Indian Premier League match here on Monday.

While Du Plessis made an unbeaten 79 off 46 balls, Kohli took the centre stage initially with his 44-ball 61-run knock, as the duo shared 96 runs for the opening wicket after being sent into bat.

After a sedate start, Kohli smashed Avesh Khan for a six and four in consecutive deliveries in the second over to up the tempo.

Avesh was again at the receiving end of Kohli's wrath as the former India captain clobbered the bowler for three boundaries in the fourth over.

High on confidence, Kohli then pulled Krunal Pandya over the fence in the next over.

Kohli was at his best as he hit straight over Mark Wood's head for a boundary and then pulled the bowler over deep midwicket for a maximum.

Kohli brought up his fifty with a single off Ravi Bishnoi in the ninth over.

RCB skipper Faf du Plessis, on the hand, played the second fiddle and took his time. While Kohli went hammer and tongs, the South African played sensibly, hitting the bad deliveries to the fence.

Kohli finally departed in the 12th over when he pulled Amit Mishra to Marcus Stoinis at square leg.

RCB fans at Chinnaswamy Stadium went berserk as Faf du Plessis, Virat Kohli and Glenn Maxwell struck blistering half-centuries for their team

While Du Plessis struggled to get going initially, Glenn Maxwell (59 off 29 balls) announced his arrival at the crease with a four and six off Mishra.

Du Plessis opened up with three huge hits over the fence off Bishnoi in the 15th over as RCB raced to 137 for one.

Du Plessis, who was slow to start with, brought up his fifty with a fantastic lofted shot over Wood's head.

Maxwell showed his worth as he went after the bowlers from the word go. But it was Du Plessis who went hammer and tongs towards the end, clobbering every LSG bowler out of the park.

It was raining sixes and fours from Du Plessis' bat as the 18th over from Jaydev Unadkat fetched RCB 23 runs.

Maxwell matched stroke for stroke, punishing Avesh for back-to-back maximums to bring up his fifty off just 24 balls. Such was the onslaught that the duo brought up their century partnership in just 44 deliveries.

Maxwell departed in the penultimate delivery of the innings, cleaned up by Wood as the batter went for heave. **–PTI**

Officials on poll duty halt essential work

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

visited the office for property registration but found a board pasted outside stating that property tax payments will not be facilitated in-person as of now as the officials were on poll duty. He was unable to pay property tax via mobile phone as he didn't know how to go about it and would have to pay extra money as commission if he visited a cyber centre.

Moreover, there has been no distribution of birth or death certificates; a board at a BBMP office indicated that the staff working for distribution of birth and death certificates were on poll duty. This has angered the public as they are left waiting for these essential certificates.

The situation is especially difficult for those who need the aforementioned documents urgently, such as a person who recently lost their father and needed his death certificate to settle claims. Similarly, Mayur Gowda, a techie, wanted to get his son's birth certificate but was disappointed that he had to wait longer.

The public believes that the elections are important, but the staff who are doing essential work should be made available at the offices. They are of the view that it is unreasonable to expect the public to wait for so long to get essential work done.

Notice board stating that staff unavailable to collect property tax and hence asking residents to use online mode

However, BBMP chief commissioner Tushar Giri Nath claimed during a recent press conference that not many staff were assigned poll duties — even the staff who were on poll duties were given vehicles so that they could attend poll duties as well as address public grievances. However, the ground situation seems to be completely different, and many people are facing problems.

Public wants the BBMP to ensure that essential services are not hampered due to officials' poll duty and that the public does not face unnecessary difficulties — the authorities must take necessary measures to address the concerns raised by the public and provide timely assistance to those who need it.

PSI scam: HC seeks all candidate's details

The High Court of Karnataka on Monday sought a report of all candidates allegedly involved in the police sub-inspector (PSI) recruitment scam. So far, 100 people were arrested in the case and the investigation is going on.

The division bench of Justice G Narendar and Justice Shivashankar Amarannavar, which was hearing a batch of petitions against the re-exam ordered by the State for the PSI recruitment, directed the government to submit the report by June 15.

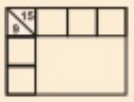
The petitions against the re-exam were filed by PSI candidates including Chandan N V, Vasanth Naik, Asha Sanakalla and Rajeshwari. The Bench asked the Government counsel why the investigation has not been completed even after a year. The AG informed the court that he has consulted with senior police officers and a comprehensive investigation is underway. The court questioned why all candidates should suffer for the act of a few. It said that the investigation officer will be given time till June to complete the probe.

Twitter block

The Karnataka High Court on Monday asked the central government why it had not given any reasons for blocking some accounts on Twitter in light of the takedown orders issued last year. The bench is hearing a petition by Twitter challenging the takedown orders of the Centre. **–PTI**

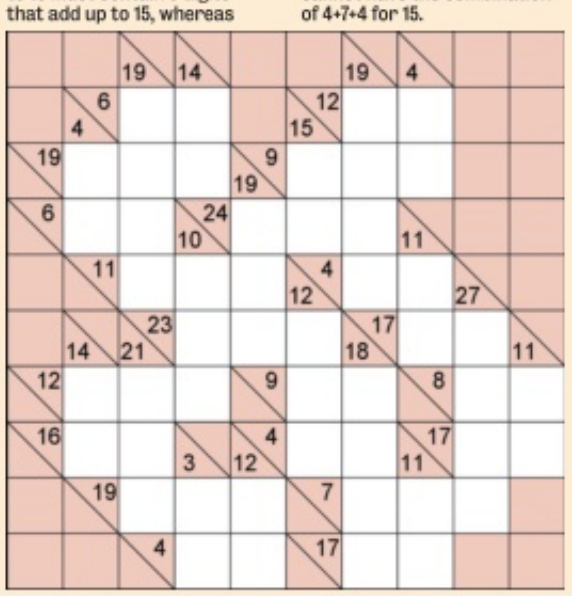
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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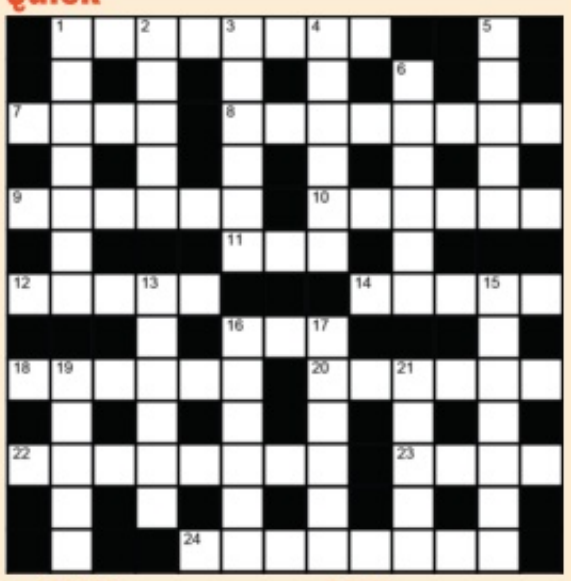


ACROSS

1 Genuine or real (4,4)
7 Untie (4)
8 Sleeplessness (8)
9 Mr. Rawal of Bollywood (6)
10 Foundation author Isaac ___ (6)
11 Nursery item (3)
12 Type of beet (5)
14 Confused fight or struggle; muddle (5)
16 Powdery residue (3)
18 Reproduces exactly (6)
20 Decide to leave or withdraw? (3,3)
22 Theme park located on the Place Grounds (3,5)
23 Beastly dwelling? (4)
24 Accidentally (2,6)

DOWN

1 Under (7)
2 Lasso feature (5)
3 Set of stairs (6)
4 Consternation (6)
5 Capital of Egypt (5)
6 Receive into the mind or character; absorb (6)
13 Fame (6)
15 Hard to catch (7)
16 Off track (6)
17 Canopied seat on an elephant's back (6)
19 Parasite (5)
21 Bird's claw (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: H EQUALS P

T HAEHKA TKRTXV ALIV ZX QAVACZKGLS GUV VNTIER.

Linemaro

I want you out of my head and in my arms

Mindchow

Aspire to inspire before you expire

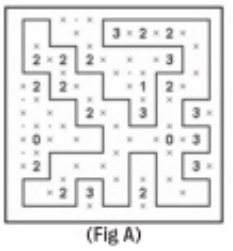
Joke of the day

God made man before woman so as to give him time to think of an answer for her first question

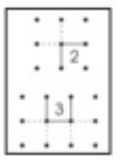
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

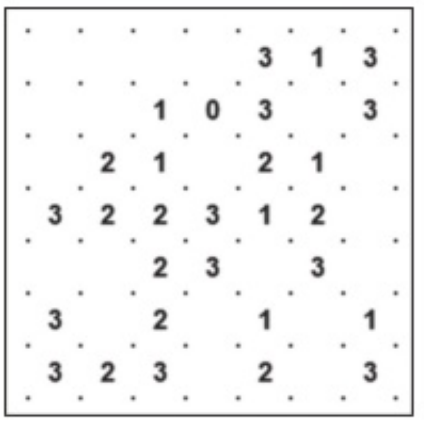


(Fig B) Not Allowed

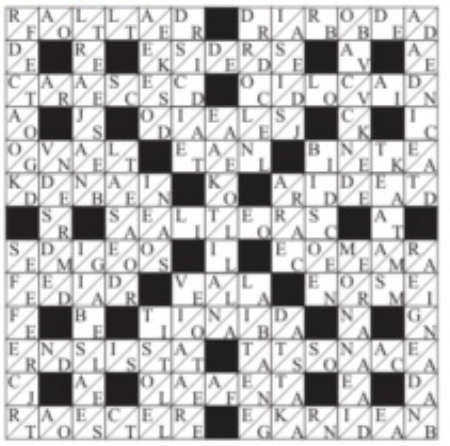
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



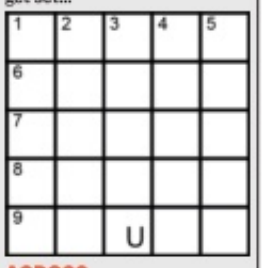
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

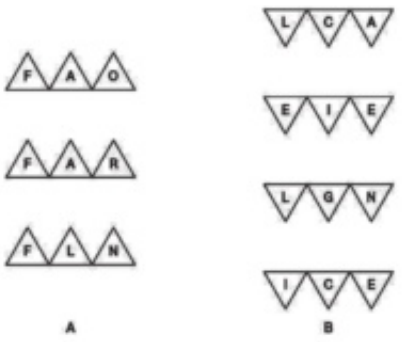
1 It's GS; 6 Hut no; 7 Aspen; 8 Bait I; 9 Tucks

DOWN

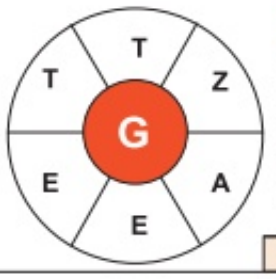
1 S guts; 2 In nit; 3 Hub as; 4 Optic; 5 Stake

Mensapuzzle

Which one of B will not fit into A to make six-letter words?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

01 Average; 02 Good; 03 Outstanding

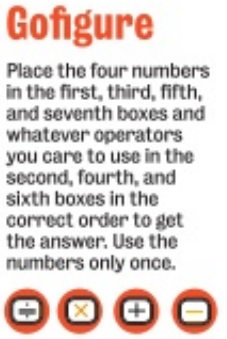
SudokuChallenge

			3	6	4			
			9		5			
	3	4				6	8	
	9	3	7		6	1	2	
2								7
	8	7	4		1	3	6	
	7	6				5	9	
			6		9			
			5	3	8			

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Arm is added to chair. 2. Cord is added to phone. 3. Man's hat is missing. 4. Fingers are moved. 5. Back of chair is shorter. 6. Tie is narrower.

Riddler

A man working for a secret organisation goes into town but does not want to be discovered. So he makes up another name. That name was Horobod. Can you decipher his real name?

Alpha triangle

1 Third vowel
2 Iridium for the chemist
3 Cup edge
4 Coating of ice
5 Money saver
6 Careless
7 Guess

Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE A HUNTING DOG...A POINTER, AS A MATTER OF FACT
NOW GET OUT THERE AND FIND A BIRD TO POINT AT
SNIFF SNIFF
I HOPE YOU DON'T HAVE YOUR HEART SET ON MAKING THE COVER OF ANY HUNTING MAGAZINES

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

And now, a word from the National Council on Falling From Roofs:
EAVESDROPPING!
This has been a word from the National Council on Falling From Roofs.

Hart of the city

I LOVE NOT BEING SICK.
GOOD! NOW YOU CAN CLEAN YOUR ROOM!
I CAN BARELY OPEN THE DOOR!
COUGH ACTUALLY I THINK I FEEL THE LINGERING EFFECTS OF MY ILLNESS...
GET TO WORK, HEART.
AUGH

Crankshaft

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may expect some instant gains in your business, which may boost your confidence level as well as bank balance. You are advised to avoid stress in domestic life. There would be some momentum at the business and work front. Your prestige may be increased. You may also plan for an overseas trip.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today things would not be favourable. You may feel dull and unhappy. Some mysterious fear may make you upset. You are likely to be attracted to the occult. You may feel a lack of confidence, which may affect your work. It is to avoid rash driving and risky adventure tours.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you are blessed by the moon. Love would be in the air in terms of personal life. Singles may find suitable matches. You may do better in terms of professional life. Your friends and subordinate staff are likely to support you.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may be able to make a balance between your earnings and expenses, which may boost your bank balance. You are likely to perform better in your job. Your boss can give you new responsibilities in terms of promotions. You may get back your money which was stuck. You may be able to control your opponents and hidden enemies.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may feel dullness due to sleeplessness; you may be scattered towards your goals, which may affect your working efficiency. You may plan to visit some religious place. But in the late evening, you may be blessed by your elders; you may find out your mistakes and may make a good plan for the coming day. You are advised to take care of your parent's health.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may be in a hurry. You are advised to drive safely. But with the blessing of the elders, you may come out from the messy situation. You are likely to be more romantic in your love life, harmony in domestic life may come. You may expect some positive results in new partnerships. Love birds may enjoy their happy moments. Students may hear good news in terms of academics.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today your subordinate staff may be cooperative, it may help you to complete postponed projects. You are likely to join some social event, which may boost your network; it may help you in your work or social life. You may plan to go for an outing with friends. Some disputes with friends may be settled now. Students are advised to avoid carelessness.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today your communication skills may help you in terms of professional front. You are likely to be more polite with everyone around you, which may help you to speed up your projects. Love birds are likely to exchange their views with each other, which may make some foundation of their relationship.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you are blessed by the moon. New partnerships may give you benefits. Your energy level is likely to be high. Your hard work and enthusiasm may pay you off in terms of financial gains. Self respect may protect you from negative people around you.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may feel dullness and unhappiness. You are advised to avoid harsh conversation with friends and family members. You may also not be able to get proper reciprocation of your hard work. Need to follow your intuition. You are advised to keep patience while making some important decisions.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today new sources of income are likely to be opened. Your past investments may give you a good profit, which will boost your bank balance. You are likely to connect with a social organisation, which will increase your network. Singles may find a soul mate in terms of marriage.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today's blessing from the elders may make you confident. You can follow your intuition before taking any initiatives which may help you at work. Your intuition may help to gain more in terms of finance. You are likely to visit some religious place with your family members. You must control your arrogance to enjoy your domestic life. Students may expect good results with the help of destiny.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
x = -4! x 4! + 6! - 4!
= -24 x 24 + 720 -24 =
120

BULL'S EYE
date, daze, GAZETTE

STRIKE OUT

QUICK

MENSA PUZZLE
LCA. The others make: flagon, flacre, feline

SUDOKU

7	5	8	3	6	4	9	1	2
6	1	2	9	8	5	7	3	4
9	3	4	2	1	7	6	8	5
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ALPHA TRIANGLE
I, Ir, Rim, Rime, Miser, Remiss, Surmise.

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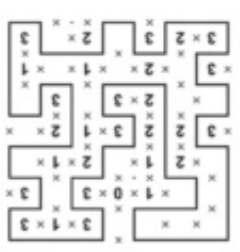

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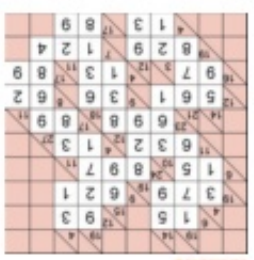

GO FIGURE
Easy
8 + 2 x 6 + 1 = 61
Medium
6 + 3 + 2 + 3 = 14
Hard
8 + 9 - 1 - 9 = 7

FAST FIVE

S	T	U	C	K
T	I	B	I	A
S	N	A	P	E
U	N	H	O	T
G	I	S	T	S

RIDDLER
Robin Hood

QUOTE UNCODE
A people always ends by resembling its shadow.

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A bit jealous
Actor Russell Crowe who played the title role in 'Gladiator' has reacted to the news of its sequel. He said in an interview, "I mean, look, the only thing that I really feel about it is slightly jealous, you know?"

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CHEMISTRY IS A MYSTERY

After Aditya & Ananya pics go viral, fans second-guess relationship status

Social media can't keep calm after photo from event sets the internet on fire

Aditya Roy Kapur and Ananya Panday have been making headlines for a long time now for their alleged love affair. However, the actors are yet to come out openly about it.

Recently, a photo of Aditya and Ananya from an event went viral on the internet. While some showered love on the photo, others said that the actor looked good only with his 'Aashiqui 2' co-star Shraddha Kapoor.

As soon as the photo made its way onto social media, likes and comments poured in from all sides. While one fan wrote, 'Here for Adi and Ananya. Rooting for them, they make such a beautiful couple', another one added, 'Want someone to look at me like @adityaroykapur is looking at @ananyapanday'.

Meanwhile, there were some people who compared their "lukewarm chemistry" with that of Aditya and Shraddha Kapoor, who were rumoured to be dating, back in the day. One of Shraddha's fans wrote, "Adi and Shraddha are the best." "Trust me, Aditya sir doesn't look good with anyone apart from Shraddha," wrote another fan.

—ETimes

Ryan Reynolds' $1.8-mn pad

Reynolds has snapped up a $1.8 million house in a small Welsh village following his Wrexham FC success.

The Hollywood A-lister, 46, has become a local hero thanks to pumping cash into the struggling football club and has shown his commitment by owning a property in the area, reports Mirror.co.uk.

The actor looks set to shift from the bright lights of New York to the village of Marford, just five miles from his football ground.

It will be a stark contrast from the star's $5.3 million in the Big Apple, where he lives with actress wife Blake Lively and their four children.

A source told The Sun: "Ryan is moving to Marford and it's all the locals can talk about. His house is on the poshest road." The source further mentioned, : "The most famous person from Marford is Tim Vincent from Blue Peter, so a Hollywood star is a step up. It might not be the Big Apple but the red carpet will be rolled out when Ryan comes to town."

Gen Z energy

The stage is getting set for the biggest launch of the decade, with Shah Rukh Khan's daughter Suhana Khan debuting in Zoya Akhtar's adaptation of The Archies, where she will be playing the role of Betty Cooper.

Her recent public outings, like her appearance at the Nita Mukesh Ambani Cultural Centre (NMACC) have also added to the anticipation. ETimes has been informed by well-placed sources that Suhana has taken the next big step in her career and signed her first major endorsement deal. Suhana has been signed by an international make-up and cosmetics brand that has been associated with Alia Bhatt and Athiya Shetty in the past. The source tells us an official announcement will be made soon.

A source close to the development reveals that Suhana has the young energy that a lot of brands want to tap into. The thought behind signing Suhana is that in the age of social media, Gen Z actors have a natural advantage of having high social media connections. Without a single film release, she has already amassed three and half million followers on Instagram."

—ETimes

The only one

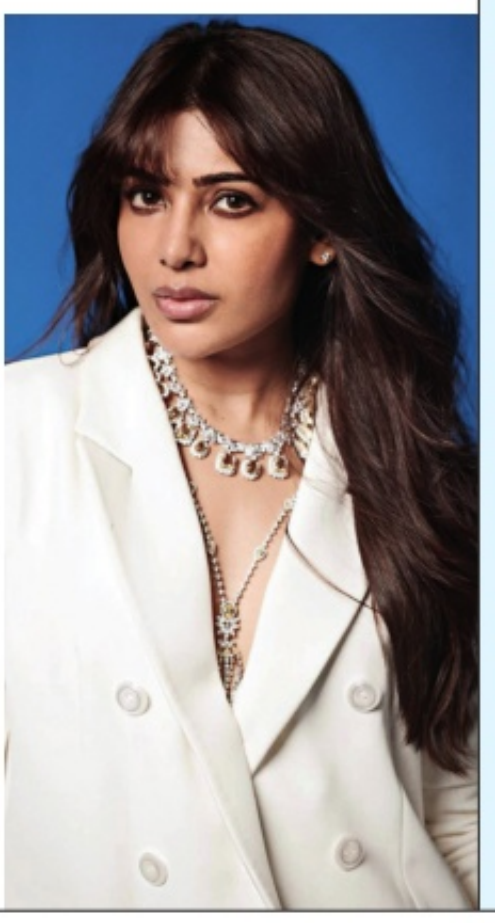
Actress Samantha Ruth Prabhu, who swayed the nation with her moves in 'Oo Antava', was the only choice for 'Shaakuntalam', the director of the film revealed.

Director Gunasekhar kept Samantha in mind while penning the script of the historical drama.

Elaborating on the same, Gunasekhar said: "When I wanted to make the eternal love story of Shakuntala and Dushyant in an interesting backdrop of a beautiful whimsical forest much like a forest princess in a Disney kind of film, I wanted someone who could be relatable to the millennial audiences, and felt Samantha would be apt for this film and approached her." The filmmaker also believes that Samantha fitted the role perfectly and that no one could have essayed it better than her.

"The film traces the emotional journey of a woman who falls in love and the challenges fate throws at her. She's a character of inner strength who depicts her emotions with dignity and grace in all that she does. Her truth is her strength, all these emotions can only be portrayed by a wonderful performer like Samantha and she was our only choice to be able to create this epic", he added.

—IANS



SANDALWOOD SHOTS
Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Real Star singer

Real Star Upendra has sung a song – Bande Bidthu Oora-habbange Nadeyo Elekshanu – for the movie Darbar under the guidance of music director V Manohar who is also the film's director. "This song was written by Satish who plays the lead in the movie. I selected Upendra to sing this song because he is the right person to sing a political satire song," said Manohar.

The song is about how elections are being held once in five years and how villagers become busy during the elections. "Upendra is aware of politics and elections and their impact on the public. This song explains how gullible voters are being exploited by the politicians," said Manohar.

He said Darbar revolves around politics and elections. "I want to convey to society that all politicians are corrupt and greedy. I do not want to support or promote one political party," he said.

On a comic note

Vikash Pampapathy debuts as a full-fledged director with the film Ramana Avatara. Prior to this, Vikash Pampapathy worked as associate for director Simple Suni. Rishi plays the lead in Ramana Avatara, a romantic comedy.

"Rishi plays Ramakrishna in this romantic comedy that narrates the lifestyle and struggle of the hero. I selected Rishi because I thought he has the potential to play a comedy role when I watched his movies," said Vikash.

Arun Sagar, Pranitha Subhash, Shubra Ayyappa, and Anirudh Acharya are the other key artistes in this movie. "We have completed the shooting and are making arrangements to release it at an appropriate time. Its shooting was held in Udupi, Bengaluru and other areas. We are launching its teaser at SRV Theater, Malleswaram," said the director.

He said he has been in touch with his mentor Simple Suni from the time of writing the script till the end of its shooting. "Simple Suni has helped me a lot. He was involved in the shooting since it is my debut. I am grateful to him," he said. The director said Raj B Shetty and Danish Sait were supposed to act in this movie but they could not. Ramana Avatara has music and background score by Judah Sandhy.